### The

Pink Sheep

O judge from the

came from that

end of the lun-

there were en-

the other people

joying

heard the mirth-provoking remarks

and yet there was no great display of

in high spirits, for it was the second

day of their holiday, and they were

prepared to laugh at anything. Mrs.

Yates, with "Madame," had arrived

in Boulogne only on the previous,

day, but she had a knack of making

personal remarks about the other visi-

tors at the hotel that had quickly es-

tablished a sort of intimacy between

They were discussing a man of five-

and-thirty who sat rather near them.

"I think he's English," said Mr.

Kibble White. • "Impossible!" remarked Madame.

"He is too solid, too intelligent, to be-

long to your great nation; he is a Ger-

"No, he can't understand English,

said Mrs. Yates, "for I am sure he

must have heard our conversation,

. "I hope he doesn't understand it, for

you have been rather rough on him; let

us listen to his accent when he speaks

"No need," cried Mrs. Yates; "I am

The party all laughed, and the stran-

ger was nicknamed the Pink Sheep

At the table d'hote that evening the

laughter was almost entirely subdued;

Mrs. Yates and Madame soon ad-

journed to the drawing-room, whence

they were followed by the Kibble

Whites and by the Pink Sheep, who en-

"You have, no doubt, noticed that

The Kibble Whites expressed their

deep sympathy, and after describing

the manner in which the loss had oc

curred, while she stood watching the

arrival of the English boat, Mrs. Yates

grew communicative and told of her

great disappointment. It was impos-

sible to continue her journey. She was

on her way to Brindisi to meet her hus-

band, who was comirg home from In-

dia seriously ill. Her anxiety to mee

him was the greater, for she had parted

from him in anger caused by jealousy.

She had just learned her suspicion had

And now she could go no further

for, acting on Madame's advice, she

had taken a ticket only as far as Paris.

and, being very badly off, she could

not afford to borrow the necessary

money, even had there been time to do

through ticket, Madame?" asked Mrs.

"Indeed, I wish I had, for now she

people in London would cheat her, and

since I know the manager of a tourist

agency in Paris, I felt she was sure

to be properly treated if she took her

"You are over suspicious, Madame," said Mrs. Yates. "Last night, when

"And you are, perhaps, too confid-

"I am not so sure of that." said Mrs

Kibble White, looking hard at the las

"What do you mean by that re

"I mean that I do not see why the

noney should have been safer in your

There was an uncomfortable silence

ladame rose and went out. As soon

as she had left the room Mrs. Kibble

"Do you know her very well?

don't like her eyes at all. I should not

"Oh, I think she is all right. She

"Then why has she put her name in

'She said she liked to travel incog

She does not look like an aristocrat:

nita, b. cause if people knew her ran

they would charge more at the hotels.'

her dress is so untidy, and have you not

noticed the high-water mark on her

"Oh, these foreigners have such ode

"I should say, by the look of her, she

Then Mrs. Yates explained how she

"The Morning Post," in which a for

"I think you v

given her you

had none," said Mrs. Kibble White.

nark?" asked Madame, indignantly.

eeping than in Mrs. Yates's."

White asked:

trust her. Who is she?"

the Marquise de Montereau."

ing, Mrs. Yates. You see, if you had

ne attempted to take them."

ou would not have lost it."

didn't you let her take

been entirely unfounded.

Kibble White.

tickets from him."

Mrs. Yates is somewhat depressed,"

sconced himself behind a book.

picked and lost more than £25."

and his face has never changed."

White.

great Pink Sheep."

her and her neighbors at table.

which

sitting

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probably you would have lost that, as out the electric light and paying a visit assured that she will perpetrate fresh One Man's well as your money," remarked Mrs. to my private room," Kibble White. Then began a discussion as to what could be done to disnow understand how through being deyour money, I take the liberty of of-

and was cutting off the end.

cheon table, the "I believe that beastly German Sheep is going to smoke in the drawing room! Tell him we won't stand it, selves. Some of dear," cried Mrs. Kibble White.

band, excitedly, pointing to a notice pass out." in the room wished they could have on the wall.

he walked upstairs. His footfall was silent upon the thick carpet, and, on the doorway he met a woman, and seizing her by the wrist, forced her back, locking the door after him, When he had struck a light, he recognized Madame.

"I beg your pardon," she said, in French. "It is so dark in the passages I have mistaken my room; I must com plain that they are so economical of the light."

"If you dislike the darkness, why did you turn out the electric light?" "I turn it out! What an idea! You

"And yet my eyes are wide open; but I am glad you have come! I want a few moments conversation, with you. "With me! You evidently mistake. I am the Marquise de Montereau, and to the waiter," suggested Mr. Kibble do not know you."

"That is possible, but I know you, and what I want to tell you is that you sure he can only say Ba'a Ba'a; don't must return to Mrs. Yates that twenty you see he is not a man, but just a now recoverable." "How dare you accuse me of such an

surely no sane man could be guilty of you have brought her."

She rose to go, but, with a gesture, he stopped her.
"Call the hotelkeeper," he said, quietly,"and if you are aggrieved, make

a formal complaint against me. In the mean time, you may know that you will not leave this room until you have give you anything." restored the money."

this indignity.

"Don't be impatient, and I will tell you shortly an experience which happened to me," he said, establishing himself comfortably in an armchair. Very well. Two years ago (lighting his cigar), I was in a small hotel in Lucerne." He looked up suddenly at her, and the corpers of her mouth twitched involuntarily.

there," he continued, "named Jackson, or Johnson, traveling with a companswered an advertisement and accomlooked after the luggage, planned their casion when she was carrying a small crowded steamer upon the Lake of Lucerne, some villain contrived with a sharp knife to cut a hole in the bag, through which the money was abcould have gone on, but I feared the stracted. She was very unfortunate, this poor Madame Cambrai. Her de spair was pitiable: she spoke of the carelessness, and promised to work her fingers to the bone to repay the money to these kind Jacksons-or was it not Johnson? They, however, did their best to console her, and being unable we went to the Casino, you wanted or unwilling to spend any more money me to give you my watch and jewelry to take care of, and yet, you see, no on that tour, they paid for her ticket back to Paris, and returned home some weeks earlier than they intended. I only learned it from them about tw given me your money to keep for you, days later, when I happened to make their acquaintance in a railway carriage. Their narrative interested much, for it enabled me to explain the

circumstances, which had seemed "Now, I am going to make a con ession. I did a mean thing in that Lucerne hotel. I happened to wake in the night; noticing an odd sound and seeing the keyhole of the adjoining room shining like a bright spot in the darkness, I crept softly out of bed and tains are well founded. In case she looked through. There I saw a woman in rather scanty clothing. Did I turn away? On the contrary, I kept my eye at the keyhole. It was indefensible, I admit, but curiosity got the better of me, and I saw a very strange thing. On the table lay an open case of surgical instruments, and this woman was cutting part of a morocc purse into strips, then burning them one by one in the flame of the candle.

It was a tedious process, and I now got tired of it and crept back to bed." "All that this story proves is that you are a mean-spirited, shameless fellow, and I know not why you weary look dignified.

"But now comes the entertaining part," resumed the Pink Sheep, "for I recognized this woman as Madame Johnson (I think it was Johnson), and sign lady of rank asked another lady to you can tency that I am, if not actually pleased, still much interested to find her took how Madame had promised to at Boulogne, passive to the somethefts, andso inevitably fall into the

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THE PINK SHEEP."

cover whether their suspicions were ceived by some fancied resemblance to fering you a little advice, which you well founded, but it seemed impossible a woman you have once seen through to take any steps without something a keyhole, and meeting me just as I "1. Below you will find particular." to take any steps without something a keyhole, and meeting me just as I more definite to go upon. Meanwhile, have made a mistake in my room, your as to your route to Brindisi, with times the Pink Sheep, who had finished his suspicions have been not unnaturally of trains, information where to get chapter, took a cigar from his pocket aroused. Still if you are the chival- your meals, etc. I advise you to start rous gentleman your appearance pro- this day. If you follow these direcclaims you to be, you will accept the tions you will not need to rely upon word of a lady when I assure you that chance companions. I have never been to Switzerland and that I have never used the name of without corroborative evidence. "Defense de fumer," said her hus- Cambrai; and you will permit me to

"That is not my intention. You have been saved many an unhappy The Pink Sheep smiled, bowed, and are in error when you say I saw wit, Mr. and Mrs. Kibble White were left the room. Crossing the passage, the young woman only once through a keyhole, for the lady with the surgical that every one understands all modern scissors sat opposite to me both the languages, and if you wish to make reaching the first landing he saw a fe- day before and the morning after pass- personal remarks do so in a lower tone. male figure turn out the electric light. ing her night in the unusual operation Some people might resent such things He paused a moment; then, walking I have described. Nor have I the least more than Yours faithfully, cautiously, he went to his room. In intention of letting you leave this room until vou restore to Mrs. Yates th money you have stolen from her?

At these words Madame completely changed her tone, and replied, in a lov

"Certainly the name of the sheep, which your protegee, Mrs. Yates, so aptly bestowed upon you (for you must that fermented food is poisonous. You know that poison is unhealthy. Shaker have heard her if you understand English) is most applicable. You must be a silly sheep indeed if you think that, granting I had stolen the purse, I should be afraid of risking my liberty (to say nothing of the money), when you have no evidence whatever to connect me with the theft."

"As to your risking your liberty you can be easy upon that score. I am not your judge, nor do I take upon myself the task of bringing the dishones to punishment; but here is a country woman of my own in great distress through your act. She is a foolish five pounds. I suppose the purse is not woman, no doubt, and her remarks about me were not complimentary; but that is no reason why I should action? You must be a madman; for help her out of the difficulty into which

"Ah!" said Madame, raising her eye brows, "how stupid I am not to see your hope to get your share of the money, but then with that face how could I read your true character? Let me tell you, however, you, too, are a poor physiognomist if you think I will

"We shall see: I do not care to waste She sat down scowling at him, and further time in explanation, and I give threatening condign punishment for you two minutes to hand over the money." So saying, he pulled out his watch.
"And I tell you at once you can call

up the hotelkeeper and do your worst, and you will then learn that it may be "You don't object to smoke I think? a dangerous business to make a charge without a tittle of evidence to support

The Pink Sheep looked at her steadily for a moment. "I think you are not French in spite of you good accent. I "There were two maiden ladies may be wrong, but I should take you for an Italian; still, I assume you know something of the French law. In an ion, a Madame Cambrai, who had an- other minute I shall ring the bell and tell the servant to ask a gentleman panied them in the capacity of a sort of from the Bureau of Police (who must female courier. She hired the rooms, be here by this time, for I sent for him immediately after dinner) to come uproute, and, in short, was very useful stairs. I will say to him. 'Here is a to them. Unfortunately, on one oc- lady whom I have found in my room. All I know of her is that in Switzerbag containing about £40 in gold on a land she passed under the name of Cambrai; in London she calls herself the Marquise de Montereau, and at this hotel she incribes herself as Mme Camboux.' You probably know that you will be arrested and detained until inquires can be made. Your luggage will be searched, and no doubt your in teresting case of instruments will be found."

Madame had turned very pale. She lifted the skirt of her dress and finding a concealed pocket she drew forth a handful of gold, which she handed to her antagonist.

He took the money and counted it slowly.

here," he said, "and I want twelve

"But how do I know that you will

"For that I give you the word of Pink Sheep-an animal that is not gi ven to lying. Nay, more, I promise that I will not return the m Mrs. Yates before 9 o'clock to morrow morning; so that you may be mile away from Boulogne before she knows that the suspicions she already entershould be vindictive and anxious to have you punished, there is time for

Reluctantly Madame produced the remaining severeigns. As she passed to the door, which was now opened for her, she said, "I don't suppose you are going to be fool enough to give the noney to that empty-headed Mrs Yates: but, in any case, I rely on your

The Pink Sheep made no answer. That night Madame contrived to pick a quarrel with Mrs. Yates. She left the totel saying that she would me with it," said Madame, trying to not pass another heur under the roof with her, and declaring that she

would take the night boat to Lon The next morning, when Mrs. Yates was at breakfast with the Kibble Whites, a small, heavy packed was brought to her by one of the ed opened it and You were right. Your

I now inclose. If it is

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"A woman always does, the dear creature," murmured her brother in

sotto voice irony. you can't tell me anything about shop I went with father last year." -(St. Paul's.)

"Poor little girl, she sha'nt be made go now, while the battle spirit move me. If I come not back, know, damsel, I have been unjustly incarcerated because a confounded tidy has stuck to my back!"

Philippa laughed. "Wait, I'm going, too," she called

enting food, and purifies the blood and take me two minutes to get into my digestion and the diseases that come of it. Headache, dizziness, nausea, stomach-ache, "Oh, mel I'm in for it!" she groaned

appetite, irritability, etc. These are a few of the symptoms caused by indigestive poisons, cured by Shaker Digestive Corhis only failing. And from a man shop all be over at bedtime." At druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per In the electric, going down town

ire, but you may have pure blood drew a careful diagram of the street and good health by taking Hood's Sarsap and shops he wanted to visit. "There," he said, "that cross there is for Paul & Bennett's-mother's pre Harry-That charity sermon this

Lucy-I thought that it was a very land's, what in the world? A haber Harry-Yes, but it didn't touch me dasher's!" in the right place. I meant to drop a dollar and I dropped a tear.

"And that's Gormully & Holt's-Aunt Prudence: and this Low's-

Sarsaparilla has power to keep you in health by making your blood rich and to Low's when I want something

sent at Low's." "I never heard of such a thing," exoperate. Cure indigestion, biliousness, 25c.

Bobby-Is oxygen what the oxen Papa-Of course, and what everychief or a bottle of cologne, like a Bobby-And is nitrogen what every-

my dear? You are only a lay figureno, a body guard. You must let me California has been most fittingly termed 'gang my ain gait,' Phil; nobody'll lay the "Italy of America." All the delicious it up against you. I'm going to get m, the cloudless sky, and the rich ver-Norah a photograph of Knaus's Holy dure of the great European peninsula are duplicated in this sunny land of the Pacific. Family to hang in her room. If she mas present?" never owned a beautiful thing before. she will then and the lovely face of the 'holy mother' will do her more good than own sanitarium, where eternal spring in-spires everlasting youth. With the snowa bucketful of cologne. Hullo, here we are so soon!"

mantled peaks of the Sierras upon the one upon the other, and a veritible paradise of the car came to a standstill. Then be flowers, fruits, and plants between, man can find and needs no lovelier land. To visit such a country is a privilege, a blessing.

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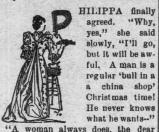
Philippa fairly gasped, but she said othing—she was learning a few little ssons of this queer, big, matter-offact Tom. An incubator! That was Donald's

Christmas morning. breath away!" chuckled Tom. ', Well.

> low as you've noticed it on needs smothing to do Keep the boy busy, my

## Christmasing

HILIPPA finally



china shop' Christmas time He never knows

"And things always stick to him, flmsy-wimsy handkerchiefs and things. so they think he's a shop lifter! Oh, ping with a man in a Christmas rush!

Indigestive poisons are the bane of the a martyr of, no, she shan't!" Tom dyspeptic's life. When sick, see if your cried soothingly. "I'll go alone, I'll Christmas shoppers elbowed and jostdetermination and undecideness that is

'to save the family honor! It won't

on the way upstairs. "Tom's an old self; haven't I given my midnight holydear, but he's a man, poor boyl That's ping, good fates deliver me! Well, it'll

they made some plans. Tom took an envelope out of his pocket and gravely

sent. This cross here's for Kirtland's -ah, your present my dear." "Oh," murmured Philippa, "Kirt-

"Low's-Norah? What are you talk ing about, Tom Decker? Low's is an "Yes'm-good one, too. I always go

tosh for a 'Christmas,' but it's just worth while. I shall get Norah's preclaimed Philippa. "Getting the cook's

Christmas at an art store! I sha'n't let you. You'll just go to a dry-goods Tom over his own unlockings. shop and get her a silk neck handker-Sylvanie's "Christmas" was very satisfactory indeed. She would read it

good boy."
"Think so? Whose circus is this, every month in the year, she told Tom.

"just what" the dear folks have been ing, instead of the regulation handkergan Philippa martyrdom. Tom took chiefs and sofa pillows and little, costly her hither and thither and yon, into trifles? rest of us to join Philippa's class in learning "a few little lessons?"

"That's for Aunt Prue," Tom said emplacently, tucking the ungainly, knobby bundle under his arm. "And for all your little nose being tip-titted my dear, and for all the uplift to your eyebrows, Aunt Prue will say 'thank you,' see if she doesn't! She has longed for a meat chopper (how did I find it ret sould this many a day."

They went to the art store and bought Norah's beautiful Holy Fam ily; they went to the harberdasher's but Philippa was only allowed to guess at the neat, smooth bundle Tom ord ered sent home from that place, - she was bidden to look at the "latest styles" in trousers and coats while tha purchase was in progress. They go an oil stove for mother's going-to-bed on cold nights, Tom said; they got luxurious pair of felt slippers for fat her to "toast his toes in." and, at the same place, such thick, wool-lined woolsoled shoes "for grandmother to have the rheumatism in." They got coo, but you could never guess what it

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the shopping was all done. Other

led them, their faces 'full of the grim

the lot of average holiday buyer, while

Tom's face shone with complacent

"There, now, Phil," he said at

length, with a low whistle of relief,

"that's done, and may the good fates

grant it's done right! I think it is my-

hours to it since Christmas first struck

But Philippa had remembered some

"There's-there's-Sylvanie, You

Sensitive Tom flushed a bit under

wered, had an indignant ring in it.

Then they went home together in

Christmas came with all its unlock-

ed secrets. It unlocked Philippa's

neat, smooth bundle from the haber-

dasher's, and she cried out in delight

"Just like Tom!" she exclaimed.

"Who'd have thought of a mackin-

what I wanted and thought I must

wait for! I didn't know they had

"It's barely possible you-ah-didn't

"In the Century, you mean," he cor-

"Well, yes," she laughed; "it's go

ing to be a joy forever. Why don't more folks give that kind of a Christ-

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me? Now, I shall sleep in peace."

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nished.

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Washington ... Letter



HAIRMAN Dingley, of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the other Republican members of that committee opened the tariff hearings, which are

continued for two weeks, today in the Ways and Means Committee room at the Capitol, the first day's hearing being devoted to the schedule know, Tom," she said gently, "You've which includes spirits, wines and other beverages, To-morrow it will be the cotton schedule, in which there is an his bronze, but his voice, when it animpression that no extensive or very "I guess not, my dear," he said quietly. "I'm sorry to have mention marked changes will be made by the new tariff bill, and on Wednesday the sugar and molasses schedule will be dealt with. Although it was expressly t but I remembered Sylvanie first of stated in the notification of these hear-"Oh!" breathed Philippa, quite dimings that written or printed arguments would receive the same attention from the committee that would be given to those orally delivered, the most of those interested seem to have preferred sending representatives to talk directly to the committee.

The inauguration preparations are going merrily along and an enormous quantity of work has already been done The executive committee asked that a guarantee fund of \$50,000 be contributed by citizens of Washington, and without doing any personal soliciting, checks aggregating \$60,000 are already in the hands of the Treasurer of the Committee. It has practically been decided that the Inaugural bal shall be held in the Court of Pension the Building, although the official announcement to that effect will not be made until the end of the red tape necessary to be unwound in securing the consent of Secretary Francis shall have been reached. Some striking novelties in the way of illumination are promised by the sub-committee in charge and thoughtful altogether ss Sylvania's of that branch of the ceremonies. Tom-remember the things that are Among the latest applications for accommodations are those of fifty members of the R. B. Hayes Club, whom were members of Major Me Kinley's old regiment, the 23rd Ohio.

> Speaking of Cuba, not a little amuse nent has been the result of the announcement of what is oftenest referred to as "Money's fool trip". Representative Money, who is also Senatorelect from Miss., has gone to Cuba with the avowed intention of telling Gen. Weyler that he is there as a mem ber of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and asking to be put in a osition where he can obtain personal knowledge of the whole situation. Money made his living as a lobbyist in Washington too long to be called a fool but he ought to know that any information he obtains through the assistnce of Gen. Weyler will be just as one-sided as if remained in Washington and asked the Spanish minister to give it to him. Such a visit by a member of Congress who is a the House Commi

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THE MIGHT HAVE BEENS. Of all sad words, of tongue or pen. The saddest are these: it might have been There is no life that is complete and satisfactory. The most faithful after having performed the daily duty as it has come to hand can truthfully say: "I am an unprofitable servant." This is true because of the frailty of humanity. Many abuse these limitations by making them an excuse for the indulgence of evil, for following the inclination of a perverse mind, a wicked heart. Many play upon sympathy merely that they may cover the evil of their nature. It is often difficult to acts of their party associates, and discriminate between these two classes with these patriots abide the hope of -the one with good desires but weak Delaware's good name. At this time will and the other with an evil heart men should rise above party. We hope and hypocritical disposition. With the enough may do so to prevent further revelation of repeated deceptions the disgraceful acts for the benefit of party stronger, more stable character, often becomes discouraged, even to disgust, with the frailties of those who seek assistance, of those who lean upon others, and are almost ready to exclaim, 'It might have been, but now the just cause of his friends in that he it cannot be; there is no hope, no help to raise and to restore the fallen, to well as himself. But Mr. Addicks' deem the past, to reclaim "The assertions do not warrant wrong doing Christmas entertainment. Indeed, our work might have beens". And the victim of on the part of others and against others for December was much impaired. This appetite, of passion, of misdirected Mr. Addicks is the same man to-day

Welcome 1897! Thou art young and hopeful, and for these reasons we give thee cordial greetings. We turn our the past because no efforts of ours can now change them; we turn with regrets for their failures, with confes- from Dover. sions for their omissions, with confusion and humiliation for their commissions, but with resolves to learn from them lessons that shall profit us, they have in the past, but because they to make "the might-have-beens" of yesterday so far as lies within our power the "to-bes" of to-morrow. The character, particularly measures affect future is ours to improve, the past ing the tax office in New Castle county. holds its lessons by which we may profit. We thank thee, New Year, for be brought by thee and with the knowledge of the regretful "might-have- the first to go home in event of a riot, beens" of the past, we may enter thy portals with hesitation and yet with hope. It is well to look at it thus. Let may-religious, moral, intellectual or R. R. Kenney, who used no more ef physical-the only amends that can be made is to make the best of the present, to improve the New Year.

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Welcome 1897!

COUNTY DIVISION. The Wilmington correspondent of the Philadelphia "Press" on Tuesday referred to the division of New Castle county as follows:

in operation has been long in use, it has had the test of years, it has met the members in favor of dividing New Castle. The plan is to cut the county in two at the northern border of New Castle Hundred, making the line extend along Garasche's Lane to the Christiana Creek, thence to White Clay Creek, thence to White Clay Creek, thence to White Clay Creek and to Red Clay Creek. This would leave Wilmington City, Brandywine and Christiana Hundreds as Wilmington County and all the hundreds below that line as New Castle. The man who looks through green the many pars, it has met had the test of years, it has met we had been doned and the demands upon it. The general public of laymen question of this Constitution. He shall have the power to prescribe the minimum of efficiency to which the schools of the State must attain, and shall have the power to apportion any State the "power to apportion of this Constitution. He shall have the power to prescribe the minimum of efficiency to which the schools of the State must attain, and shall have the power to apportion any State the doption of this Constitution. He shall have the power to apportion of this Constitution. He shall have the power to apportion of this Constitution. He shall have the power to apportion of this Constitution. He shall "A canvass of the Constitutional hundreds below that line as New Cas-

The members cannot agree on the county seat for New Cas le County. Some favor New Castle, where there is some favor New Castle, where there is already a court house, while others favor Middletown, on account of its central location. New Castle was formerly the capital of New Castle County hofore Willington County before Wilmington was made the county seat. The old county buildings are still standing and are in good condition. Martin B. Burris, of Mid-dletown, and Elias N. Moore, of Odessa, are both being solicited to

If we are to have county division it appears to us that Brandywine and cision against the judgment of the Christiana hundreds should be a part of the rural county, and not attached to the city. A few weeks since the TRANSCRIPT gave some reasons and county divided? Will not district repe the purpose. resentation bette creased repgiving in a eople of this tter must

ing a Whig in 1840, "a member of high standing," and responsible, of

thing. This is the standard reasoning

of the Delaware Democratic editor.

aps a majority, of the Democrats

The General Assembly meets in Dover next Tuesday and yet after two months before our courts the question of the election in Kent county is unsattled. It is probable that the Court opinion upon the Mandamus Case which they are now considering before Tuesday, but still the returns will not have been properly canvassed and certificates of election which settle the matter in the minds of the people will not have been given. The evil of bribery is met by the evil of theft, an the peace and good feeling of the whole State is disturbed. In a great measure this is due to those high in authority. It is not a pleasant assertion to make but we believe it is the truth: Every Democratic paper in Delaware to-day is openly or silently aiding and supporting the frauds perpetrated by the Democrats at the November election including the Dickey-Cheairs steal in this county. With them many prom inent Democratic citizens sympathize It is partisanship and dollars and cents. Not all Democrats endorse the

STILL UNSETTLED.

and self. Mr. Addicks makes certain foolish assertions that he will be elected Senator, &c. and thereby does injustice to efforts, of circumstances, of lack of excrats in the efforts to defeat the elecperience, or of whatever may be the cause for failure, joins in the cry of tion of a Senator, when the Demo-"it might have been" and is ready to cratic papers patted him on the back give up. This is the extreme of de- and said in effect, good fellow, Let the "good fellow," the bad fellow, and dency. Beyond the mountain top the every other fellow have his just and sun is rising to restore warmth and lawful dues.

No one can now tell what will be cheer and confidence. Look up and the organization of the General Assembly at Dover on Jan. 5th. It is unset tled except in the Democratic papers which claim everything, even to the backs upon "the might-have-beens" of division of the smallest offices. Here is a sample of their arguments and reasonings being a part of a letter

The regular Republicans are backing the pretensions of J. Frank Allee, not because they love Allee any better than want to prevent the Democrats from passing any legislation of a partisan

Addicksites are talking a great deal about what they intend to do in event hope and for other opportunities. With of Democratic organization. Some of a consciousness that grave duties may them are in favor of revolution, but most of those who talk fight would be

Kent county Democrats are made o sturdy stuff. They will not be caught napping. The last meditated Addicks the regrets be of what character they riot was nipped in the bud by General fective argument than a spittoon, which he hurled at the head of the ring-leader of the would-be-Addicks rioters. Every preparation has been made to mee force with force.

OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

"One of the most important matters for consideration by the Convention assembled to amend the Constitution is that of the judiciary. The system now in operation has been long in use, it has had the test of years, it has met the demands upon it. The general public of laymen question very much the overturning a system for which they have entire confidence and respect. Any minor defects can be remedied without upsetting the whole structure

The man who looks through green glasses thinks the whole world turned green. This is the only explanation we can give for the opinion expressed above. No stronger proof of the defects of our judicial system is wanted than the fact that in two months it case though the matter has been before it in all forms. And what is the condition? It is that two, a minority of the judges considering the case, may as a majority of the Court of Errors and Appeals give the final deother three, Chief Justice Lore and Judge Cullen unite against Judge Grubb in the court below. In the higher court by chance the one man who sat on the case below and also sits who sat on the case below and also sits n the Court of Errors and Appeals, is and high schools. Judge Grubb. He and either of the other judges who might agree with him can decide the Mandamus case Justice of the Supreme Court shall connow before them against the other three. This is one of the "minor defects." Great Scott! The "general sentiment," according to the "Pilot," is shall continue in use not less than four to allow the privilege to the chicken years; and said State Board shall perform thief to appeal his case to the higher art, to have the whole judiciary conit while the man who is being for his life has no appeal, can appeal under the "system long How green are the glasses me people whose natural od! It is partisanship car-

e important question comes the people than the education ciales. of the children. Our new constitution should recognize that fact by an article therein. The article appearing in the "Teachers' Round Table" to-day mercourse, for something done at that its the consideration of educators and time, the payment of taxes or some- of the members of the convention es-

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Our grandfathers were Whigs in 1840 See The Poor Printer's Necessities— Pay Your Subscription.

"For Sale—A full dress coat and yest, a and so were the grandfathers of many, perhaps a majority, or the fathers of to-day. Verily the sins of the fathers frock coat with vest and parts. All as go as new and will like a medium size man. Will be sold cheap. Appl office—The "Index." Dover: are visited upon the children—the Republican children—to the third and

### The Teachers' Round Table

Conducted by A. R. SPAID, Highlands, Del

of Errors and Appeals may render an All teachers and friends of Education in New Castle County and the teachers of Kent and Sus-sex are invited to take

[All persons who take an interest in this plumn should send their names and address

STILL THEY COME. 19. DALEMA DRAPER,

Taylor's Bridge, Del. 20. JULIA Z. STAATS, Townsend, Del

21. MARY F. LOFLAND, Mt. Pleasant, Del 22. NORRIS W. WILKINSON, Delaware City, Del.

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Brandywine Warehouse, Wiln 26. ANNA H, E. REGAN, 725 West 4th St. Wilmington, Del 27. MARY E. REGAN,

725 West 4th Wilmington, Del. HEN SHOULD TEACHERS' INSTITUTE BE HELD Some of our farmers asked this question at Dover some weeks ago. They were o the opinion that county institutes for teachers are held at the wrong time of year I agree with them. At least the last two institutes did not come at the best time for

A year ago I gave my school a vacation from Wednesday before Thanksgiving to the Monday following, and then was noti fied that we would be expected to attend nstitute the next week. Consequently af ter dismissing school for another week, I found we had no time to prepare for our year the call came the week before Thanks week and again two vaca ell within a fortnight. This giving week and a tions fell within a interfered so much with our work that we had to ask the children to do a part o their monthly examinations on the morning of Thanksgiving.

Now, if the institute had commenced on

Monday before Thanksgiving and had closed Thursday morning, it would have been better. However, it is my opinion that the best time for the institutes would be the last week in March. It is a time when many of the larger boys leave the school room for the farm. Every school house should be thoroughly cleaned and scrubbed at the beginning of spring Some schools close about that time, while others are just ready to begin the spring

Perhaps the summer vacation would be the time most satisfactory to all, and when we get a good school system in this State I think our teachers will attend institute ever, to make the summer institute a suc cess in Delaware, must promise the teachers good shade, hammocks, fans, cool inors, and plenty of ice cream

AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTIO

EDUCATION. SECTION 1. A general diffusion of know ledge and intelligence being essential to the servation of the rights and liberties of the people, the General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and suppor of a thorough and efficient system of pub-lic schools wherein all the children of this Commonwealth may be educated, and shall appropriate at least one hundred thousand dollars each year for that pur-

Section 2 Neither the State, nor any ubdivision thereof, shall use its property or credit or any public money, or authorize er to be used, directly or indirectly, in aid or maintenance, other than for examination or inspection, of any school or institution of learning wholly or in part under the control or direction of any religions denomination, or in which any denominational tenet or doctrine is

taught.
SECTION 3. A superintendent of Public than twenty-fine hundred dollars and shall not be removed from office until the expiration of his term, except by impeachment. Section 4. The General Assembly shall provide for a system of common schools by which a free school shall be kept up and supported in each district at least six onths in every year, after the first year has been unable to settle an election in which a school has been established and in which every able bodied child in the district between the age of six years and fourteen years shall be a pupil for at least

eighty days in each school year
SECTION 5. The public school system shall include primary grammar and high schools, and such evening schools, normal schools, technical schools, and kindergar tens, as may be established by the Ge Assembly, or by municipal or district au thority but the entire revenue derived from the State School Fund, and the Stat school taxes shall be applied exclusively

SECTION 6 The Governor, Superinter stitute the State Board of Education, and shall adopt a uniform series of text books for the use in the common schools throughout the State. The text books so adopted such other duties as may be prescribed by

age and upward shall be eligible to any of-fice of control or management under the school laws of this State.

I shall be much pleased to receive any

a people whose natural cathering of the shore sections. I trust that the newspapers of Delaware will copy erge of revolution. The expense for all the shore sections. I trust that the newspapers of Delaware will copy the expense for all the expens

New Year's Week in Society.

Nowadays it is fashionable in New York,
Philadelphia and other large cities for a
hostess who intends to entertain to make up a company and go to the country

to the hostess' country place or one s for the purpose, and there spend a plays, sleighing, skating, games, th plays, seigning, skating, games, thutting and attending the evening tainments anywhere at the sol and churches about. These froit versified with all the old fashio ments they can hear of, from bain the evenings to straw rices in time. Necromancy, make shoe

in the evenings to straw rices in time. Necromancy, magic, ghost ares and fortune telling, toesting apple skins, naming chestnuts, esting alled eggs, floating analys, drawing straws from the stack, e up a variety that affords endiess Year's in town is rather tame. Weather time, gifty and susy serious of Connections of the stack, and susy serious of Connections of the stack.

TAYLOR'S BRIDGE.

Mrs. C. W. Jarrell is visiting friends

Walter I Staats returned home on True lay from a visit to the City of Brotherly

Miss Dalema Draper is spending he Christmas holidays at her home in Wil ungton.

Miss Elsie Deakyne, of Fox Chase, Pa., i visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Deakyne, at Deakynville.

The fourth quarterly conference myrna circuit met at the circuit parso age and they invited their pastor, the Rev W. R. Mowbray, to return for the fifth William F. Elliott will soon move

aurel to engage in the butcher busines and will dispose of his Istock and farmin mplements at public sale on January 5th Mr. Harry L. Hurlock, of Blackiston and Miss Katie Nickerson, of this place were united in bonds of matrimony at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. J. Nickerson, on Wednesday, Dec. 23d. The eremony was performed by the Rev. J C. Prouse, of Kenton. After the cereme he happy couple went on a bridal tour to Philadelphia. They will move to their home near Millington, Md., about January

### ROLL OF HONOR.

Room 1.-Lee Corrie, Fannie Burstan Dora Culbertson, Walter Green, Blanch Armstrong, Mand Smith, Carrie Clothier zabeth Hopkins, Charles Talbot, Florence Gill, Helen Smith, Lucien Green, George

Kelley, Jessie Culbertson, Wm. Keegan.
Room 3.—Mary Nowland, Ella Burchard Stella Suydam, Jeannette Schreitz, Edith Allee, Randolph Geary, Hester Argo, Gertrude McCrone, Louise McDowell. Ethe Rowe, William Freeman, Blanche Messick, Edward Green, Edith Petherbridge, Mary C. Williams, Carrie West, Forie Owens Iwood Brown, Maurice Burstan, Beatric Whitlock, Elsie Jones, Grace Parvis

Room 4.—Lillie Solway, Maude Deak ynd Maurice Bratton, Belle Dager, Edith Mabrey, May Kumpel, Lizzie Holten, Rachel son, Bertha Byron, Minnie Adams, Lillian Walker, James Donahoe, Victor Jones. Sarah Savin and Ada Scott.

Room 5 .- Anna Talbot, Emily Alle lorence Blome, Lillie Downey, Sallie Ryan, Nettie Whitlock, Reese Darlington. rman Gill, Joseph C. Parker, Paul Painter, Charles Lewis. BIOWN COTTAGE SCHOOL

The following pupils have attained average of 90 per cent or above for the month of December: Alberta Cochran, Louise Cochran, Grover

Bendler, Elwood Padley, Clarence Dono yan, Joe Bailey, Albert Donovan.

Pin Money.

All ladies know what pin money is, but t may be interesting to them to learn the rigin of the expression, and also to know that it is directly connected with New Year's day. Until the beginning of the sixteenth century the only pins used by the poorer classes were made of wood. In fact, hey were no pins at all, but skewers, boxwood, bene and silver. At the period above named the metal pins now in us were invented, and people of fashion wer eager to possess them. They at once be came the most popular and acceptable New Year's gift for ladies, but it soon grew ustomary to give, instead of the pin hemselves, the money with which to pur chase them, and this was called "pin mo ey," a term which gradually ca applied to all money given to ladies for dress and personal adornment.

Old Superstitions Among many other old superstitions as ociated with New Year's is a belief that is a lamp or candle be taken out of a house on that day some member of the family will die within a twelvemonth, while to throw out dirty water, ashes or anythin whatever, no matter how worth Instruction shall be appointed for a term garded as certain to bring ill luck during of four years by the Governor and conthe whole of that year. If the first visitor the whole of that year. If the first visito to a dwelling on New Year's day is a fe

No district in America presents, during the Winter season, so many varied attract-ions as the State of Florida. Besides its delightful climate, which to one escaping from the cold and unhealthful changes of the North seems almost ethereal, it is pre-eminently a land of sport and pleasure. Along its eleven hundred miles of saltwater coast and its twelve hundred freshvater lakes are fish of almost every co eivable variety, from the migratory tribes ommon to Northern waters to the tarpor haracter. Nowhere in all our broad land an the angler find a greater variety of ame or better sport.

Here also the most enthusiastic hunte finds satiety. Deer, turkeys, bears, panth-ers, and wild cats roam at large through the more sparsely settled regions, while birds of all kinds may be found in abundance throughout the State. The more novel sport of alligator and manatee hunting may also be indulged in by the more adventurous tourist.

With its matchless climate, its orange groves, its rivers and lakes, its bathing, its fishing and hunting, and its extensive for-ests, Florida presents unrivaled attractions for the valetudinarian, the lover of nature the sportsman, and the explorer.

To this attractive State the Pennsylvani Railroad Company has arranged four per-sonally conducted tours during the season of 1897, leaving by special train January 26, February 9 and 23, and March 9. The first three tours will admit of a sojourn of two weeks in this delightful land; tickets for the fourth tour will be valid to retur ntil May 31 by regular trains.

New York, \$48,00 from Phila delphia, and For tickets, itimeraries, and other infor

mation, apply to ticket agents, special booking offices, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Calendars and Coupons: ny beantiful calendars and enter-ties have been issued by the Hood's Sarsaparilla, that we or one of the very prettiest designs in mendars, but with it coupons which en-title the recipient to attractive novelties. Every one who gets a Hood's Sarsaparill scalendar for 1897 secures something the will prove interesting and valuable as was a beautiful specimen of the lithograph art. The calendar is accompanied season by a musing little book of Weather."

Holiday Tour to Old Point Comfort Richmond, and Washington. For the approaching midwinder vacation on the Pennsylvania Railroad Com pany has arranged another of its annual holiday tours to Old Point Comfort, Richnond, and Washington. The great popularity of these tours in past seasons attests

the high estimation in which they are held Old Point Comfort as a winter resort, and as a point of historic in terest, needs no introduction to the travel ing public. Nor does Richmond, the one time capital of the short-lived Confederace made peculiarly so by the festivities of the

holiday season.

Tour will leave New York and Philadel phia Saturday, December 26. Rates, re turning via Richmond and Washington \$35.00 from New York, \$33.00 from Phila delphis; returning direct, \$16.00 from New York and \$14.00 from Philadelphia: Pro ortionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other infor mation, apply to ticket agents, special booking offices, or address Geo: W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia

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Capes of Persian lamb, various lengths, \$30 to \$275.
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of white thibet with fancy velvet yoke, \$35 of black thibet, Persian lamb collar, velvet yoke, \$40 of electric seal combined with moufflon, \$45 of Persian lamb with lace edging, \$75 of Hudson Bay sable, \$90 of breadtail and chinchilla in combination, \$100.

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GCK SCARFS—

of black opossum, 10 tails, \$2.50

of natural opossum, 8 tails, \$3

of black marten, 10 tails, \$6

of mink, 10 tails, \$8

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OLLARETTES—
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rolling storm collar, cape and collar
trimmed with genuine black marten, \$16
of electric seal, full sweep, lined with fancy
silks, high rolling storm collar of black
marten and fronts trimmed with same
fur, \$18
of electric seal, 12 in. deep, lined with neat

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of electric seal, 12 in. deep, lined with neat
figured silk, high rolling collar, yoke
and points of brook mink, \$18
of grebe, collar of electric seal, cut full,
lined with figured silk, \$25
of chinchilla, full sweep, high rolling collar, lined with steel gray satin, \$42.50.
OUND MIRES. ROUND MUFFS-

OUND MUFFS—
of brook mink, \$1.50
of black opossum or black lynx, \$3
of black curly astrakhan, \$3.50.
of electric seal, \$5
of black thibet, \$7.50
of moutflon, \$10
of Persian lamb, \$12 and \$18
of natural beaver, \$12
of gray krimmer, \$7
of chinchilla, \$22
of mink, \$10, \$518

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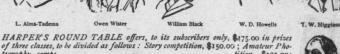
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ing into" as Josh Billings says. The

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 2, 1893

### Local News..

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Ren Small 2 lbs. chickens and un

by Green Bros., Odessa, Del \_It is reported that about twenty per leave for Cuba.

-Remember that J. F. McWhorter ha a full line of carriage and argricultural Implements on hand

-St. Anne's Sunday School gave their Christmas entertainment and annual treat for the children Tuesday night in the

Its folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guar anteed to you for 25 cents. -"Have you seen my Christmas tree

the handsomest in town?" inquires Master Harry DeValinger of his friends whom he invites to see the tree. -Mr. Geo. V. Peverley bought the

Jacob Hill land in Blackbird Hundred, sold by M, B. Burris, trustee, at Townsen on Wednesday, for \$2950. -The Sunday-school scholars at Arm

strong enjoyed a Christmas treat this week in which their friends from First Church took part. A regular organization was effected also. For Sale-20 Horse Power Engine an Boiler all complete with brass fittings; also large iron feed mill for sale for want of use;

a Bargain at \$125.00. Address J. T. Stoops -County Supt. Smith holds examinations for first and second grades and pro-fessional certificates for teachers to-day in

Middletown and in Wilmington. -Bishop Leighton Coleman, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, has received an invitation to act as a vice president of a national church congress

be held in Nottingham, England, next Clerk of the Peace Foard gave an official dining to the Levy Court and a few

-The widow of Samuel Jones who served in the 28th Reg. U. S. Colored Troops and residing at Mt. Pleasant received this week a pension of eight dollar

friends in Wilmington on Tuesday after-

a month through the agency of Col. John Wainwright. -The first fire in Middletown for year occurred on Sunday morning last, a smal house on Railroad Avenue owned by Capt.

Pennington and tenanted by Thomas Gooseberry. The furniture was saved bu the house burned down. -Mr. Wm. B. Unruh who for a numbe of years has resided near Noxentown Mills, on the Nathaniel Williams home farm moved tohis own farm at Atlanta form

Horsey's X Roards, in Sussex county on Monday and this community has lost a good citizen, Mr. Redgrave of Maryland is his successor. -Those were handsome Calendars which

Mr. Walter S. Letherbury distributed among his friends on Thursday. A few ars ago the medical almanac answered the purpose of the calender but it has bee displaced and the prettier and the more attractive the time card the more certain its abiding place before the desk or near the mantel piece. Mr. Letherbury will accept the thanks of the TRANSCRIPT.

-The fine cabinet photograph of Mr. Chanticleer, of the Buff Cochin family, which adorns our window and has bee this week from Beecher, the Wilmington Photographer. He and his mate are a twenty-two dollar pair of birds. The brief public history of Mr. Chanticleer will be recalled by the readers of the Transcript During the Institute the principal and sev-eral of the teachers of the Alexis I. duPont school visited the family of Mr. Edwin Draper hear town. One of the lady teachers was admiring this bird, his lordly air and noble mien, when Mr. Draper said "I will make him a present to you." Quicklyremembering the Fair to be held in the interest of the school, she accepted the offer and Mr. Chanticleer took up his residence in the city. Learning the purpose of dence in the city. Learning the purpose of Prof. Spaid and his lady teachers, Mr. Draper sent a mate, and to shorten the story, they, the birds, were sold at public auction for fifteen dollars, Mr. duPont being the purchaser. Mr. Beecher gave a number of the fine photgrapher which he had taken and they were sold as has been told at the Teachers' Round Table. The point the beauty the application, is the use to at the Teachers' Round Table. The point of the story, the application, is the use to which the present was adapted by the teachers, the pleasant social visit to Mr. Draper's fine farm, and family of course, being turned to a permanent benefit to the pupils of the Highlands school. Mr. Beeche will accept the thanks of the Transcript for the picture.

John H.Green, Emery Boyer, Annie Baily, Mrs. E. G. Reed, Shank Bro's.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, fell and broke her hip on Monday, while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Scoville? An attack of vertigo caused the accident, which at her advanced age,—84, is likely to prove very serious.

-Mrs. J. F. Kennedy entertained the

e West End. -Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Goff spent sever lays in Philadelphia this week making -Lost-On Cass street or on Main be

tween Cass and the Town Hall on Thursday evening a black feather boa. Bring to ward. PROFESSIONAL CARD.-Dr. W. E. Barna

urgeon Dentist, office same location, op posite the post office. All operations per taining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontun der and Gas for painless extracting. - Many rejoice that they ever heard of

"Goldey's," that well-known Wilmington (Del.) Commercial and Shorthand College its short, practical courses soonfitted the of oung people for good positions.

-Quite a number of our citizens got ice on Tuesday and Wednesday, about 5 inches. The skating, owing to the snow, was not very good and was rather dangerus several persons breaking though the ice -Mr. Daniel Keith, night operator at this station, is soon to bring a bonny bride. to town, and is having his house made ready for her coming, having rented the East End residence formerly occupied by Miss Fanny Staats.

horses in condition for the sale, we have them and will sell them to you in large lots at quantity prices. Wholesale & Retail. J. C. PARKER. -The son of Mrs. Margaret Jones

in the TRANSCRIPT last week, and father of Mrs. Joseph L. Parsons, Mr. John A.Jone died in Wilmington last week and wa interred in Forest Cemetery on Monday services being held at the home of Mrs Parsons on the arrival of the noon train.

-A representative of the Transcript this week looked in upon the busy workers at the shirt factory where the hum of the nachines sets in circulation the dollars of trade so welcome to our merchants. The first of the experts in the new laundry epartment were at work, an addition of ifteen or more to the force at the factory Manager Burgess is the right man in th

-Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pool, gave a six 'clock dinner at their home "Silver Lake near McDonough, Tuesday, the guests o onor being the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Janvier, Those present were: Mr and Mrs. Howard Pool, Mr. and Mrs. Janvie Woods. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bright, Pool Miss Marion Janvier, Mr. and Mrs John Stuckert, Mr. Frank Pool, Mr.Clayton Riley and Mr. Sutton. The guests were each presented with a souvenir, a bouquet

ing to the colors of the bridal party. -Year by year, as the number of people who read periodicals and newspapers in reases, it is found that short stories are be oming more and more popular, and that in fact, the average reader enjoys short stories more than anything else. Editors in their endeavor to meet this demand are finding that it is becoming very difficult to secure good short stories from the bes writers, since each author can only do so uch work, and in the increasing demand many periodicals are unable to secure stories for them. It is the more extraordi nary, therefore, to learn what we unde stand to be the fact, that Harper's Roun Table is to publish during the year 1897 a east fifty-two short stories, one in eac Number of the paper, by authors whose names are know all over the world as being lew of these are: William Dean Howells Bret Hart, Maragret Deland, Kate Douglas Wiggin, Owen Wister, Joel Chandler Har

ris, John Kendrick Bangs, Frank R. Stockton, Octave Thanet, Charles Dudley Warner, Molly Elliot Seawell, Ruth McEnery tuart, Howard Pyle, Charles F. Lummi Laurence Alma Tade In England: Laurence Alma Tadema. George Meredith. Thomas Hardy, H. Rider Haggard, Jerome K. Jerome, S. R. Crockett, Austin Dobson, Edmund Gosse, William Black, Stanley J. Weyman, Marquis of orne, Sir Walter Besent, W.Clark Ru Ian Maclaren, Andrew Lang. In France

Francois Coppee, Camille Flammarion Jules Verne.

Besides t his the paper announces thre ong stories, to run through a third of the year each: one on the Naval War of 1812. ne on the Arazona desert, and one in the midst of the famous siege of Gibraltar. All these are adventure stories, full of absorbing nterest. And furthermore there are huntg stories by Honorable Theodor velt, Casper Whitney, and Frederick Ren

With such a list of contributors the paper promises to furnish in 1897 reading natter that it would be difficult for any other paper in the United States to equal

Christmas Entertainment.
There was a full house to see "Trixie, the drama rendered by a local cast in the Opera House, Christmas night, and the popular verdict was very favorable to the layers, some of whom are prime favorites with a Middletown audience and never fai please. The leading parts, the Wizard of Fogg Island and his daughter, Trixie were taken by Mr. Joseph A. Suydam and Miss Katie Vanzant. Mr. Suydam was very well "gotten up," his costume and "make up," effecting a complete disguise while the magician's arts gave him a fine range to exhibit his histrionic powers. Miss Vanzant, as the island divinity played well and elicited much commendation. Mr. T. A. Bordley as Anthony Webber and Mis ernice Metten as Martha, his wife, were very good. Miss Metten's interpretations making some of the best points on the play. Harry Budd, as King Webber, their

on, and Miss Mary Maxwell, as Jennie. were an interesting couple, the latter playing her role very well; and was very pretty behind the footlights, her voice and man ner giving general satisfaction.

John Parvis took the part of Cliffor Ellison, the never failing villian. He made a fine appearance and was one of the best players in the cast. Gilpin Massey as Terry Flanagan, the Irshman and Wm. Rose, as Penny Ante, the colored servant, were the humorous characters, each excellent, in his role, Mr. Rose sustaining his reputation as a minstrel performer of no mean ability.
The Middletown Orchestra furnished the

best of good music, and the entertainme hroughout was much enjoyed.

Mr. Will Brady whose mere presence he platform calls forth the most enthusias the platform calls forth the most enthusias-tic applause from his many admirers here, very kindly consented to sing a humorous selection as an interlude, his songs being accepted as the most pleasing feature of the program. The tentertainment was for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A., the gross eceipts being \$76.30.

Unclaimed Letters. List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be

had by saying they are advertised John H.Green, Emery Boyer, Annie Baily, Mrs. E. G. Reed, Shank Bro's.

### PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Wo (If you have been away on a visit, or risitors at your home send us the news, tearly. What may seem of no interes ou, may be pleasing to some one eise, re always pleased to publish any item personal or local mention and cordially is

-Miss Myrtle Houston has returned from -Mr. Ephraim Beasten is visiting

sister in town. -Mrs. J.C.Staats, of Fairlee, Md., retu ome on Thursday.

-Mrs. J. A. Suydam spent several day -Miss Mary Dodd, of Philadelphia. the guest of Miss Janet Schreitz

-Miss Mary Barnard, of Greensborough -Miss Viola Ennis is entertaining

usin, Miss Boulden, of Philadelphia this week with friends at Sudlersville, Md. -Miss Ada Bradley, of Philadelphia was a guest at her uncle's Mr. J. K. Long, this

-Mrs. H. M. Barr and her sister, Mis-Justis, are guests of Dr. Martin Barr, at Elwin, Pa.

-Mrs. Kate Magee, of Still Pond, Md. in guest at Dr. E. C. Nowland's, on South Broad Street. -Dr. Horace Vaughan spent Christma

home at Milton. -Miss Burdella Davis, of Milford, i cousins, Misses Mollie and

Annie Wilson -Miss Dora Culbertson spent Christma eek in Wilmington, the guest of Miss Mary Appleton -Mr. Chas. Jones, of New York City, re

ned on Monday after a short holiday visit with his parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kilpatrick, of Phila

delphia, were guests of their sister, Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, this week. -Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nowland, of Phila

Dr. E. C. Nowland in town. Mrs. Hugh C. Browne, of Wilmington pent a few days this week at her mother turning home on Thursday.

-Mr. G. B. Pearson, of Harvard Unive sity, is a holiday visitor at Mrs. Thomas Cochran's on North Broad Street.

-Miss Hollingshead, of Philadelphia and Miss Moore, of Greensbor are guests of Miss May Holten. -Miss Blanche Lockwood and M:

Harry Lockwood, of Philadelphia, spen the holidays at their home near Warwick -Mr. Charles P. Cochran has spent the liday season with is daughter, Joseph H. Mendinhall, in Belleville, New

-Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hanson, a family, of New York, returned home on Wednesday after a week's visit with their -Mrs Leontine McWhorter of St

what better, her friends having hope for her recovery. -Misses Helen and Annie Cheairs, Delaware City, were the guests of Miss Lucie Cochran at the old year dance on

Georges, who has been very ill, is some

Thursday night. -Mrs. Joseph Biggs is preparing to star for Asheville, N. C., to spend the winter in the health-restoring clime of that famous esort. Her daughter, Miss Josephin Biggs, will accompany her.

-There was a very general home comi for Christmas in town this year. Ame those from a distance were Mr. J. J. Hof fecker, Mr. Curtis B. Holten, Messrs. War ren. Victor and Clarence Cochran. -Mr and Mrs Geo F Brady had a fan

ily party at "Green Lawn," their beautifu urburban home, on Christmas day. Be sides all their children and grandchild heir sister, Miss Sarah J. Brady and Mrs. Day were among the guests. -Miss Lucie Cochran expects to start for New York City to-day where she will spend

the winter; she will accompany her cousins Miss Annie W. Cochran, and Miss Elizabeth Hanson, who will return home from a very delightful holiday visit in town. Mrs. George H. Houston, of Philade

phia, returned home yesterday after a few days visit with her folks in town, having ompanied her mother-in-law, Mrs. H. A. Houston, who was a holiday visitor her son's.

### CHURCH CHIMES.

Meeting for men in the Y. M. C. A. to Preaching at the Armstrong Chapel o

co-morrow afternoon at 21 o'clock. The watch night service at the M. E Church was well attended, it being the in iative of the extra services. The attendance was lacking only on the part of "the official brethren," and the services wer enjoyed, and the New Years well wishe were cordial and hopeful.

The Forest Presbyterian Church will ob serve the week of Prayer by holding services every evening of next week, except ing Saturday, commencing at 7½ o'clock. The subjects for prayer are as follows: Monday, Humiliation and Thanksgiving; Tues-day, The Church Universal; Wednesday, Nations and their Rulers: Thursday Hom and Foreign Missions; Friday, Families and Schools. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Miss Ella Boole, of Brooklyn, N, Y., ar evangelist and a very successful and popular speaker will begin her work in the M. E. Church to-morrow, having charge of the norning and evening services and also con ducting the revival services every evening during the week. Mrs. Boole is widely known, having had years of experience in evangelistic and temperance work. She is very attractive personally, is a fluent and graceful speaker and exemplary piety adorns her whole life. She will spend two weeks here, and the church is expecting a great revival of religion. The pastor gives cordial invitation to all to attend thes

He was a Stranger.

Our friend—To-morrow will be the first
Sunday of the year, and I propose to commence the new year by going to church. Our friend's wife-You had better tak me with you. Husband—What for?

Wife-You may need somebody to iden Her Good Resolution

I now resolve, as firm as wax, I will forsake all evil tracks; Nor drive in nails, whate'er my rush, With husband's silver-handled brush.

Lots Better.

New Year's reformers some assa
Because so many of them fail.
'Tis better to "swear off" and fai
Than never to swear off at all.

### OLD YEAR DANCE.

The Old Year dance in the Opera Hous Thursday night was the tenth auniversar of the Young Men's Social Club. The bal showing well at the rear, of the stage and calling to mind the many brilliant balls given by the Club during the decade of its existence, none of them however being more largely attended or giving more pleasure than the last one. There were a great many strangers present, both ladies and gentlemen, the floor being so crowded, as to ender dancing difficult There were also a great many old favorites observed among the gay throng, the belles and beautie from all over the state, the adjoining unties of "My Maryland" and the Key one State vieing with our own fail daughters and dames, and the brightest of right eyes and the lightest of light feet in rhythmic measure of music and motion anced the old year out and the new year n-making merry as "the old year lay a

the patronesses, made a fine appearance Their costumes were very elegant and whether in the dance or playing the role f hostess, they were alike charming to all. hey were: Mrs. N.J. Williams, in pink figared taffeta black lace and diamonds; Mrs. Frank Watkins, black silk: Mrs. Geo. Jan ier, black tulle over pink silk; Mrs. How ard Pool, white silk: Mrs. J. B. Cazier, yelnonds; Mrs. Edwin Prettyman, black lace over white bengaline; Mrs. Harry Griffith, pink silk and white lace.

The number of debutants was larger that t any former ball, and some of the prettiest buds" that ever adorned a ball room were among them, the honor of being the "belle of the ball,"by many present, being given to one of these fair debuants. Among them wer oticed Miss Edna Cazier, in pink lein de soie over pink silk; Miss Ada Miffin white taffeta with pearls; Miss Daisy Nau-dain, white silk and chiffon; Miss Mabelle ochran, a brown costume: Miss Mabel rimming: Miss Susie Parker, white organ die; Miss Ethel Brady, handsome pink bro-cade; Miss Bertie Clark. of Delaware City, white organdie over white silk; Miss Annie Cochran, of New York, flowered taffeta with chiffon; Miss Louise Reynolds, white rgandie over pink silk.

The ball room was so crowded that it was a difficult task to learn the names of all present, and if there are sins of omission as well as commission, they can be ascribed to orter's bewilderm ence of the dazzling beauty of so many fair

Middletown was well represented, Miss Mabel Parvis in a handsome black satin, with decollete bodice being one of the most attractive, but not more so than Miss Bes with low bodice. Miss Adda Foard, was also very pretty and popular. She wore pink silk, and Miss Lucie Cochran in white chiffon over pink silk, was very winsome Other Middletown ladies whose fine appear ance and grace of manner were noted wer Miss Bessie Boyer, in light green brocade white silk and chiffon; Miss Blanche Cochan, white silk and lace; Miss Lizzie Parker brocade; Miss May Clayton, white organdie ver pink silk; Miss May Holten, pink silk; Miss Salye Cochran, black brocade, with velvet and lace; Miss Annie Cochran, gar organdie; Miss Agnes Lockwook, pink taffata: Miss Edith Reynolds, white tulle ove taffata: Miss Bessie Reynolds. white swiss Miss Helen Naudain, pretty pink silk Miss duBois, lavender moire silk; Mrs. W. F. Kennedy, black brocade with jet and duchess lace trimmings; Miss Blanche Lockwood, spangled tulle over blue silk; Mr. Schee Lockwood, light blue taffata.

The Quaker City furnished a number indsome ladies handsomely dressed ong whom were: Miss Stull, who wor a beautiful dress of pink brocade satin; Miss Hollingshead, black tulle and velvet: Mis ouise Boulden, blue organdie; Dr.Skinner Messrs, Walter Rothwell, Morton Alexander Curtis Holten, Mr. Keifer,

Smyrna also furnished her share of th air ones, the fairest of whom was Miss Anthony, who wore nile green bengallin Waller, white silk, Miss Denny, blue or gandie; Miss Hall, white tulle over pink. Messrs. Waller, R.D. Hoffecker, Davis own, Hirons Denny, and W. N. Busteed Delaware City always sends a good rep resentation to the Middletown balls. Among the number this year were Mis Helen Cheairs, in white organdie over white satin; Miss Annie Cheairs, white or-gandie over yellow satin; Miss Julia Sadler, white organdie and lace; Messrs, C. Stuart Clark, S. D. Townsend, Irvin Shepherd. Will Jester, Geo. McIntire and Thos

Miss Lucile Litzenburg, from Elkton, wa one of the handsomest ladies present, and her costume, black brocade, with yelvet bodice and duchess lace trimmings, wa very elegant and extremely becoming. Mr bert, were also present from Elkton.

Other Maryland guests were: Miss Mar Hurlock, in white organdie over blue silk Miss Ware, green organdie with purpl ribbons; Miss Addie Woodall, green organ die with swansdown trimmings; Miss Kat e Woodall, pink silk; Miss Grace Greenwood white organdie over blue; Miss Minn Massey, black and gold; Miss Gemmil Brooks, black silk with blue ribbon Miss Foard, whitesilk with blue trimmin ice and jet trimming. Messrs. James Van Zant. Carol Clark, Clarence Comegys, An Greenwood, Thos. Massey, Wilson Cochran Miss Moore of Greensborough work white organdie with white satin and lace.

Miss Broughton, of Pocomoke City, white and Miss Denney, Messss. Max Harrington

and Thos. Frame.

Port Deposit, Miss Pugh and Miss Barry. Milton, Miss Alene Atkins, in pink silk. Milford, Miss Burdella Davis, n ouseleine de soie over pink silk, Messrs Causey and Reynolds.

Mr.Reece Taylor and brother of Bridge

port; Mr. Towers from Denton. D. B. Barnard from Wilmington.

The gentlemen present from Middletown were; the president of the Club. Mr. J. C. C. Kelley, Reece Parker, W. G. Lockwood, E. M. Vaughan, W. Metten, Frank Pool, H. A. Poel, J. F. Blers, Mrs. Club. A. Mc. H. A. Pool, J. F. Biggs, Eben Clark, A, Mc-Dowell, Chas. Crawford, Harry and James Budd, Grey Taylor, Louis Naudain, R. A. Comegys, Geo. Janvier, W. R. Reynolds, Will Brady, C. Clayton, Douglas Cochran, Dr. Stites, John Parvis, E. R. Cochran, Jr., Mr. McLane, N. J. Williams, Merritt Pax on, Geo. L. Townsend and Fred Crouch.

Among the spectators were: Mr. and Mrs.

Among the spectators were sir, and are.

J. B Foard, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Willits,
Mrs. E. R. Cochran, Mrs. Jacob Cochran,
Mrs. Julian Cochran, Mrs. G. W. W.
Naudain Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Browne.

The music was furnished by Albert's Orchestra, of Wilmington, but was not up to the usual standard, which gave rise to The Bane



Beauty's bane is the fading or falling of the hair. Luxuriant tresses are far more to the matron than to the maid whose casket of charms is yet unrifled by time. Beautiful women will be glad to be reminded that falling or fading hair

### Ayer's Hair Vigor.

not a little unfavorable criticism. Refresh ents were served at mid-night and t'was at an early morning hour when the gay describe the belle of the ball

has always been a privilege which the Transcript has enjoyed, the task here ofore being as delightful as it was easy but there were so many who can just! claim the honor at this ball that the paragrapher hesitates to name one from amon all the large assemblage whose face an form, manner and costume and general bearing attracted the attention of all alike She was not very tall nor was she petite but there was that indescribable willowly grace about her every movement that gave ner a peculiar charm. Her dark hair was arranged after the madouna coiffure and when she smiled her rosy lips were like Cupid's bows. Her cheeks were flushed with pleasure, and whether in the dan or the promenade she was the center o attraction her charming wit and bright repartee being among one of her specia features. She wore a light dress of soft silken fabric, of newest pattern, which was cut a little low at the bodice, displaying a white throat and plump shoulders. name everybody knows is-your fay

John R. Swan was at home on Sunday. Mr. L. Everengam is the guest of Miss 'A Mrs. H. C. Johannes gave a dining o

Sunday. Arthur Ubil, of Wilmington, was at home for Christmas

Miss Bessie Mills, of Wilmington, was in The presiding elder preached in the M

The M. E. S. S. celebrated Christmas or Friday evening in the church. Miss Emma Frempt made a brief visit to

her father and sister this week. The usual family reunion was held at the me of Mr. and Mrs. Clement B. Reeves. Mrs. Curren, of New Haven, Conn., spent he holidays with her mother, Mrs. Tosney Dr. W. M. Ogle, mother and sister are visiting Mrs. Geo. C.Bennett in Harrisburg

Mrs. Peoples has returned from a acted visit to Wilmington and Philadel-The Drukenmiller family gave an enter-

t in Assembly Hall on Christma I. R. Pennington has returned to Phila-

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hobbs. of Flore

N. J., are spending the holidays with her

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Foard were quest on Christmas day of her mother near Mo

Gilbert Green, of Smyrna, was enterained on Christmas day by Miss Annie Schunder. The Pres. S. S. School held their Christ s festivities on Wednesday evening in

the church. Miss Tilly Murch is in town, in atten nce upon her sister, Mrs. Milne, who is seriously ill. Miss Gertrude Pennington, of Philadel

The steamer Major Reybold is frozen up in Salem Creek and it is probable will no sume her trips until spring.

phia, was entertained on Christmas by

The Sunday School of Christ P. E. Churc had a delightful Christmas party in the parish house on Monday evening.

Mrs. Mary Smith who has been spend ing a few days with Mrs. Nicols he turned to her home near State Road. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Revbold have is sued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Mary to Mr. F. C. Warner on

Jan. 14th in the Pres. Church George McIntire lost a handsome pair of skates on Christmas day at or near the pivot bridge, which should be returned to the owner. William Gassner's skates were also in the bag. A good find—but "honesty

Owing to the ice in the river the work en from Delaware City were unable to reach Finn's point on Monday. In spite of their efforts they were carried down the river to the quarintine station and we towed back by the quarantine tug. A little Christmas play was given by

some of the Sunday School scholars as sisted by little Madaline Raby of London Grove, Pa., in the parish house on Monda which was particularly well rendered. Mis Cora Dunlap sustained her part remarkabl well, also Madaline Raby. A fire which might have terminated

isastrous one occurred at the home of Mr. Reeves on Christmas Eve. A coal-oi stove caught fire and exploded, but prompt measures were resorted to, the house was saved but the room and its con-

CURRENT EVENTS.

Of sixty-seven Queens of France elever were divorced, two executed, three treated with cruelty and three exiled; nine died young, seven were soon !widowed, and all out thirteen of the others were poisoned or died broken-hearted.

The Congress district in Colorada represented by John C. Bell is said to be equ in area to the States of New-York, Mass. chuestts, Connecticut and New-Jersey. Mr. Bell is a nephew of John C. Bell who was Lincoln's opponent on the Union ticket in

A very notable marriage was solemnized in Baltimore on Tuesday, that of Miss Louise Eugenie Bonaparte to Count Huitfeldt, of the Danish Legation to St. Peters burg. The bride is the great grand-daughter of Jerome Bonaparte, whose marriage to the famous Baltimore beauty, Betay Patterson, in 1803, incurred the everlasting displeasure of his brother, the great Napoleon.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

Happy New Year. L. L. Maloney spent Wednesday with iends in Newark. Miss Grantlin, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Lora Smith.

Mrs. Rosa Wilson, of Torresdale, Pa., he guest of her parents Herman Naylor, of Wilmington, spent a few days here this week.

Mrs. Rittenhouse has enlarged her ice nouse and has it filled. Miss Maud Smith, of Middletown, is

uest of Miss Nina G. Scott-Miss Lizzie Lockerman has returned Prof. L. Smyth and wife are spending week with friends at Fairlee, Md.

Mrs. Chandler and her little folks ar risiting her mother at Crumpton. Mrs. J. C. Hutchison has returned from visit with her parents at Dover. George Collins and wife, of Wilmingto

Mrs. Sallie Raisen, of Still Pond, is guest of her sister, Mrs. J. S. Lattomus. The holidays have been pleasantly spen in family reunions and social gathering Mr. Horace I. Harmon killed a wild duck pounds.

Prof. and Mrs. D. B. Jones, of Bridge riends here. Prof. W. A. Hutchison and wife, Pennington, N. J., are spending the holidays

with his mother Rev Albert Chandler held an early se vice at the church on Christmas morning It was well attended.

Misses Lizzie Disch and Mollie Gill and Harry Hart are spending a few days with riends in Baltimore. The M. E. Sunday School held its annua Christmas treat on last Thursday evening

The exercises were quite interesting. Prof. W. A. Hutchison gave an intere ing lecture on the sun, in the hall on Wedesday evening in interest of the Epworth

Holiday Tour to Washington. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company an-ounces another of its annual holiday another of its annual ho ours to Washington. The generous patron ge which has hitherto been ours has been very gratifying, and the co all patriotic Americans Washington is ntensely interesting, and it will be espec ially so during the gay festivities of the holiday season and on the eve of a Presilenial inauguration.

Tour will leave New York and Philade phia December 29, 1896. Rates, including ccommodations at the best Washington otels, \$14.50 from New York, Brooklys and Newark; \$11.50 from Philadelphia and Proportionate rates fro

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MIDDLETOWN MARKETS.

### Notice--Dividend!

Proples' NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.,
December 26th, 1896.
The Board of Directors have this day of clared a dividend of two and one-half pent, for the last six months, payable on an after Saturday, January 9th, 1897.
GEO. D. KELLEY, Cashier,

Powell F. Johns. Civil Engineer and Surveyor (County Surveyor of Cecil County.) WARWICK, MD.

rveying promptly attended lines accurately defined. The Winter Course in Agriculture at Delaware College WILL OPEN JANUARY 6th 887 and continue to the last Friday in March The course has been improved and enlarged or the coming winter.

... Tuition Free ... Full descriptive circular will be sent up Prof. W. H. BISHOP,

FOR RENT! ... House and Stable ... n Main Street. Now occupied by J. B. Goff Possession given at once. Apply to G. E. Hukili.

NOTICE! THE ANNUAL MEETING OF

> The Cantwell Mutual Insurance Company WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL OF CHAS. W. LLOYD, IN ODESSA, ON

Monday, JANUARY 4th, 1897 At which time Seven Directors we elected to serve the ensuing year. The ium on deposit notes at the rate of fiver cent. per annum will be required paid.

The Directors have declared a Dividend ten (10) per cent. out of the Contingent Fu on all balances standing to the credit of mer ten (19) per cent. out of the Contingent Fund on all balances standing to the credit of mem bers, payable on and after January 4th, 1897. The election for Directors will take place between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 1

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Odessa, Delaware, Dec. 16, 1896

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DEPORT of the CONDITION of the J. S. Bonds to secure circu Premiums on U. S. Bonds, 3,100 00 owned Oue from National Banks (not reserve agents)
Due from State Banks and Bankers,
Due from approved reserve agents,
Notes of other National Banks.

Specie, - - - - 4,500 00 Legal tender notes - - 6,000 00 Redemption fund with U.S. Treas-urer (5 per cent of circulation), 3,550 0 Total, t - - LIABILITIES.

Surplus Fund,
Undivided profits, less expenses
and taxes paid,
National Bank notes outstanding,
Due to other National Banks,
Due to State Banks and Bankers
Individual deposits subject to
check, 96,237 2 TATE OF DELAWARE, ss. County of New Castle, I, John S. Crouch, Cashier of the almed bank, do solemnly swear that we statement is true to the best of wyledge and belief. JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

ed and sworn to before RICHARD FERGUSON, N. P. JOSEPH BIGGS, STEPHEN, BOYER, N. J. WILLIAMS, tors. No. 3019

REPORT of the CONDITION of the RECORDE'S NATIONAL BANK, at Middle-RESOURCES Loans and discounts,
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured,
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,
Premiums on U. S. Bonds,
Stocks, securities, etc,
Banking-house, furniture, fixtures,
Due from National Banks, (not Reserve Agents)
Due from approved reserve agents,
Checks and other cash items,
Notes of other National Banks,
Fractional paper currency, nickels,
and cents,
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Specie, - - 3,048 76 Legal tender n'otes, - - 7,310 00 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 2,295 00 Total, LIABIL TIES. Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, less expens, Sand taxes paid, National Bank notes outstanding, Due to other National Banks,

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check, -78,369 68 Total, STATE OF DELAWARE, ss. I, G. D. Kelley, Cashier of the above ned bank, do solemnly swear that the west attement is true to the best of my owledge and belief. G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to befor rect-Attest: J. Frank Eliason, GEO. M. D. Hart, Z. A. Pool, SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A be extra facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, on Market three between Tenth and Eleventh streets in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware.

ON SATURDAY,

THE 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 2 o'clock b.m..

at 2 o'clock p. m., ne following described real estate, viz:
All that certain lot or piece of land with the
vo-tory brick dwelling thereon erected,
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ittuate in the city of Wilmington, county an state aforesaid, bounded and described a follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the easterly side stroud street at the distance of 30 feet south Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Stroud street at the distance of 30 feet southerly from the southerly side of Brown street; thence easterly parallel with Brown street and pasing through the middle of the birds division wall between the house on this lot to the westerly side of an alley 3 feet wide, leading from Brown to Wright, street; thence southerly parallel with Stroud street i5 feet to a corner; thence westerly parallel with Brown street and passing through the middle of the brick division wall between the house on this lot and the house adjoining on the street, and thence thereby mortherly is feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

Seized and taker in execution as the property of James Keenan and Mary E. Keenan, his wife, mortgagors, and t. Urand to be sold by

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delawa. Swrit of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the City of Wilmington, New Castle county, State of Delaware, ON SATURDAY,

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WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

THE 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,
the following described real estate, viz:
All that certain lot or parcel of land situate
in the city of wilmington, in the county o
wilmington, in the county of
and described as follows, to-wit:
Beginning at a point on the easterly aide o
Union st, at the distance of 145 feet northerly
from the northerly side 16th st, and running
thence easterly and parallel with Sixteenth
street 180 feet; thence northerly parallel will
Union street, and thence therefry parallel
with Sixteenth street 186 feet to the said sid
of Union atreet, and thence therewith south
critical and taken in execution as the px
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his wife, mortragors, and Jacob Eldridg
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